

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 14. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. (Currently Amended) A snap ring used in a hard disk drive, the snap ring being
2 snapped onto an actuator pivot bearing that has an actuator pivot bearing groove and an actuator
3 pivot bearing flange, comprising:

4 a ring having an interior contour that extends about an opening and has a non-circular
5 shape including a contacting~~an inner~~ surface that faces the actuator pivot bearing groove, a top
6 surface and a radial surface that joins said contacting~~inner~~ and top surfaces, said radial surface
7 having a radius of curvature that is between 40% to 85% of a thickness of said ring so that said
8 radial surface does not make contact with a point of the actuator pivot bearing flange during an
9 installation of said ring.

1 Claims 2-13 (Canceled)

1 14. (Currently Amended) An actuator arm assembly for an information storage
2 device, comprising:

3 an actuator; and

4 an actuator pivot bearing that has an actuator pivot bearing groove and an actuator pivot
5 bearing flange; and

6 a snap ring retaining the actuator pivot bearing relative to the actuator, the snap ring
7 comprising an interior contour extending about an opening and has a non-circular shape
8 including a contacting~~an inner~~ surface, a top[e] surface and a radial surface that joins said
9 contacting~~inner~~ and top surfaces, said radial surface having a radius of curvature that is between
10 40% to 85% of a thickness of said ring so that said radial surface does not make contact with a
11 point of the actuator pivot bearing flange during an installation of said ring.

1 Claims 15-30 (Canceled)